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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-325883, which was published on November 26, 1999, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-337336, which was published on December 10, 1999, together with an English language translation of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the instant application;

Japanese Patent No. 3261359, which was published on December 14, 2001, together with an English language translation of the same;

A portion of Sokkia Update, July 2002, together with an English language translation of the highlighted portion;

U.S. Patent No. 6,144,761 to KANEKO et al., which issued on November 7, 2000;

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- U.S. Patent No. 6,304,669 to KANEKO et al., which issued on October 16, 2001;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,487,517 to SAKAI et al., which issued on November 26, 2002;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,600,511 to KANEKO et al., which issued on July 29, 2003;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,618,497 to NAKAYAMA, which issued on September 9, 2003; and
- U.S. Patent No. 6,618,498 to NAKAYAMA, which issued on September 9, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translations. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

- U.S. Patent Application No. 09/655,881 to WAKASHIRO, entitled "Image-Processing Computer System for Photogrammetric Analytical Measurement", which was filed on September 6, 2000;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 10/373,078 to SHIRAI et al., entitled "Surveying System", which was filed on February 26, 2003;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 10/606,224 to UEZONO et al., entitled "Surveying System", which was filed on June 26, 2003.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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